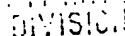


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Sir:

For the reasons set forth below, applicants herewith request a refund in the amount of \$900.00 which was charged to counsel's deposit account on February 18, 2005.

- Applicants submitted an amendment in the above-identified application on December 14, 2004 as a response to the Office action of September 14, 2004.
- Applicants then received an *Advisory Action* and responded thereto by filing a *Preliminary Amendment* together with an RCE on February 14, 2005.
- However, as acknowledged by the Examiner in an interview held with counsel on February 8, 2005, the *Advisory Action* was improper and the Examiner agreed to withdraw the *Advisory Action* and issue a *Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment*, which restarts the period for reply and grants applicants thirty (30) days for taking action.

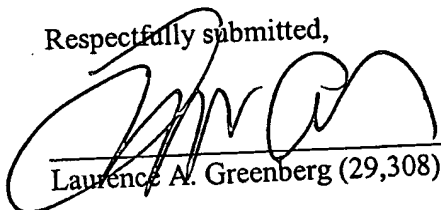
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In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the amount of \$900.00 be credited to counsel's Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., since no extension fee was in fact due.

Applicants have also submitted a *Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment* on this date in which the events leading to this request for refund are outlined in detail. Applicants enclose a copy of that response.

Respectfully submitted,



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